“Lost Treasures” Book Report

8th Grade English

The day comes when you finally buy your first house. You go to settlement, sign 30 papers that, in all honesty, you have no idea what they mean, and your get the keys to your new home.

Upon arrival, you find that the previous owner has accidentally left some boxes in an upstairs closet. In these boxes, you find a series of articles, some of which seem to be junk, and others, more valuable. For weeks you try to contact the old owner, to no avail.

You mention this dilemma to a friend, who recognizes the owner’s name and tells you that he/she was the protagonist of a book. You get the book and discover that yes, the protagonist used to live in your house, and you suddenly realize that this box contains objects that played a significant role in the plot of the book. You now own several very important objects!

In your essay, tell what you have found in the box. Pick several objects, describe them, and more importantly, tell how each was significant in the book. How was it used? Why did it have sentimental value to the protagonist? Did the object have a symbolic meaning or sentimental value?

Write a standard five-paragraph essay in which you tell about each. You should have a catchy intro, title/author, thesis, and supporting paragraphs and a conclusion. The grading rubric is listed below.

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| **Focus** | **Content** | **Organization** | **Style** | **Conventions** |
| Sharp  4 | Sophisticated  4 | Sophisticated  4 | Sophisticated  4 | Controlled  4 |
| Sufficient  3 | Sufficient  3 | Functional  3 | Generic  3 | Sufficient  3 |
| Weak  2 | Limited  2 | Evident  2 | Limited  2 | Limited  2 |
| Minimal  1 | Minimal  1 | Confused  1 | Minimal  1 | Minimal  1 |

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